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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Inventor(s):

**DAVID MICHAEL KOELLE and BRIAN JAMES TARBOX****For: DECENTRALIZED, SELF-REGULATING SYSTEM FOR AUTOMATICALLY  
DISCOVERING OPTIMAL CONFIGURATIONS IN A FAILURE-RICH ENVIRONMENT**

Assignee Name: International Business Machines Corporation

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Enclosed are also:

- ☒ 26 Pages of Specification including an Abstract  
☒ 10 Pages of Claims ( Claims 1 - 29 )  
☒ 7 Sheet(s) of Drawings  
☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney  
☒ Form PTO 1595 and assignment of the invention to IBM Corporation

## CLAIMS AS FILED

FOR	Number Filed		Number Extra		Rate		Basic Fee (\$710)
Total Claims	29	-20 =	9	X	\$ 18	=	\$162
Independent Claims	8	-3 =	5	X	\$ 80	=	\$400
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